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Welcome to the April-May 1994 issue of Anime Sacramento Newsletter. Meetings of Anime Sacramento are bi-monthly, on the odd-numbered months, at the house of Laurine White, 5422 Colusa Way, Sacramento, CA 95841, in the neighborhood behind Lucky supermarket, northwest of the intersection of Auburn Blvd & Garfield. Phone the editor, Laurine White, at (916) 332-7461 for info. and directions.

The next meeting is on Saturday, May 14, from 1pm to 11pm. DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY!! Dinner break will be 7-8pm for STAR TREK. Do not be obnoxious; this is a private house. Thanks to the folks who brought munchies in March. For the next meeting so far, we have about 40 sodas and 2 refrigerated bags of chips.

Everyone will be thrown out at 11pm, except for those who have made prior arrangements. On the schedule are FONG SAI YUK II, 2nd new Ranma OAV, subtitled Vilgust, Sense of wonder, more Captain Tylor and some other stuff.

Subscriptions to this newsletter are available, 3 issues for \$1.50 (until postage rates go up), higher in Canada. Make checks and m.o.s payable to Laurine White.

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The editor recommends the following: for CDs, American anime-zines, and other anime items - Nikaku Animart, 615 N. 6th St., San Jose, CA 95112, ph# (408) 971-2822, send a long self-addressed envelope for their latest catalog. For scripts and translations - send a long stamped self-addressed envelope to C. Sue Shambaugh, 11800 Thrift Rd., Clinton, MD 20735.

CONVENTION NEWS: Monkey Punch (Lupin III) will be a guest at Project: A-Kon, June 3-5, in Texas, \$20 by mail for all 3 days, payable to Project A-Kon, PO Box 472456, Garland, TX 75-47-2456.

BayCon '94, May 27-30 at the Red Lion Hotel, San Jose, CA, \$40 through May 13, payable to BayCon '94, PO Box 10367, San Jose, CA 95157. Rick Sternbach is artist Guest of Honor.

Otakon94, July 29-31 (same date as Anime America) at the Days Inn Penn State, State College, PA. Comic Artist Guest of Honor is Robert DeJesus. Art show, game show, music video contest, \$21 until May 31, \$25 at the door, send to Otakon '94 Registration, c/o Bill Johnston, 661-A Waupelani Drive, State College, PA 16801.

PolarisCon III, a multi-media fan-run F&SF con on July 8-10, at the Thunderbird Hotel & Convention Center, Bloomington, MN. For info, send stamped self-addressed envelope to Time, Space & Fantasy, Inc., PO Box 8908, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

San Diego Comic Convention, August 4-7, \$40 until July 1, contact San Diego Comic-Con, PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458. There'll be an anime program and program guide.

In June AnimeEigo releases include Ah My Goddess #1-3, \$19.95 each, subtitled, also Ah My Goddess 1-3 on one LD, \$39.95. AnimeEigo releases for July include Urusei Yatsura TV Vol 14, subtitled, 100 minutes, \$39.95, on video, and Urusei Yatsura Movie #6, "Always My Darling", subtitled, on LD, \$54.95. For details, contact AnimeEigo, PO Box 989, Wilmington, NC 28402-0989, ph# (910) 251-1850.

From Viz, 2 new Ranma OAVs, "Like Water for Ranma", dubbed, \$34.95 on one video; Ranma ½ Graphic Novel Vol 2, b&w, 224 pages, \$15.95; Ranma poster, in color, 20"x28", \$7.95; Ranma t-shirt, L and XL only, \$15.95. New! Nausicaa Part 4, #1 (of 5), story & art by Miyazaki, monthly, b&w, 32 pages, \$2.75, ships June 7. AD Police Graphic Novel by Tony Takezaki, b&w, 144 pages, \$14.95, ships in May.

Tim Burton will direct CATWOMAN, starring Michelle Pfeiffer, and THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER. BATMAN III is scheduled for a summer '96 release, possibly with Robin Williams as The Riddler and Tommy Lee Jones as Two-Face. Robin will be introduced. There'll be 6 new episodes of GET SMART tv series on Fox, with Don Adams as Maxwell Smart. HIGHLANDER will start as a Saturday am tv series, animated, in September. Paramount plans a new movie version of THE SAINT. A new Family Home Entertainment release, Speed Racer: The Movie, is really 3 episodes from 1967, complete with vintage commercials and shorts. Chuck Jones and Warner Bros. have already started production on a new Road Runner cartoon. A 2-hour animation block for Saturday am Fox includes Spider-Man, The Adventures of Batman & Robin, The Tick (which did not start in March, as previously announced), and 22 new X-Men episodes. Disney plans to release a movie version of Robert Heinlein's THE PUPPET MASTERS in August. In theaters by year's end or in '95 will be NAKED GUN FOUR: THE FINAL INSULT (yes, another one). Arnold Schwarzenegger's future movies include CRUSADE (a knight in the First Crusade to the Holy Land), TOTAL RECALL II, JUNIOR, a sequel to TWINS, also with Danny DeVito. Animated films may be in the works for Andrew Lloyd Webber's CATS and his JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT and STARLIGHT EXPRESS. ALIEN NATION: DARK HORIZON will be a 2-hour movie that ties up the strings from the tv series, and will have the original cast. George Lucas hopes to start production of the 2nd Star Wars trilogy by late 1995 or early '96. Paramount has movie and live action tv rights to the comic-book character, The Badger. Exo-Squad, a syndicated weekend tv series for the '93-94 season, has been picked up for a weekday series this fall. Some people say this series reminds them of Gundam. G.I. Joe becomes a live action series in Sept '95. THE CROW movie will be released to theaters by Miramax on Friday May 13. How appropriate. It stars the recently deceased Brandon Lee (thanks to those penny-pinching obscenities at Carolco Studio). Kitchen Sink Press will reprint the Crow graphic novel. News (from Wonder-Con program book) on the Americanization of more live action Japanese shows: Gridman will be changed to Superhuman Samurai Cybersquad (from DIC). New season Power Rangers will have footage from DaiRanger. Cybertron will be made from Spiruban and Metaldar, 2 space sheriff-type shows from the 1980s.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST ANIMATION (including 11 Academy Award winners) is now available on video, \$45.95 (includes postage), also a Pixar animation video (\$31 with postage), from Expanded Entertainment, PO Box 25547, Los Angeles, CA 90025, or phone 1-800-996-TOON.

Miyazaki's next animated feature is MONONOKE HIME (Japanese title) from a Miyazaki illustrations book published ten years ago. The catbeast design was used for Totoro. In the new Dirty Pair Flash, Kei and Yuri are 17 years old, in the year 2248. The old Kei & Yuri were from year 2121. New OAV JoJo's Bizarre Adventure is directed by Hiroyuki Kubo (Mario M-66 and Roujin Z), from the Shonen Jump manga by Hirohiko Araki (Baoh). It concerns 3 generations of men in a family, all nicknamed JoJo. Look for a Golgo 13 OAV directed by Osamu Dezaki. Another OAV will be WILD 7 (violent police story), from the manga by Mikiya Mochizuki. New Kamen Rider J movie was released April 23. He grows to giant size. G-Gundam is the new series following V-Gundam.

One of the first Virgin Records superstores in America will open here

in Sacramento, probably this summer somewhere around Arden Fair. Virgin carries a big international selection of music plus some anime items. Also, Adventures in Comics & Games, 6026 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael presents Sacramento's first Virtual Reality Network, in the latest version of DOOM, a multiplayer, futuristic, Man VS Aliens fight to the death.

Does anyone have the current address for Chicago Megazone? I need it.

For those with an unexpired subscription to From Side to Side, the zine got too expensive to continue. It has been replaced by an anime newsletter, The Colony Weekly Post. If you'd like to receive this instead, please contact Alec Orrock, 24161-H Hollyoak, Laguna Hills, CA 92656, and tell him so.

Ianus Publications, 5000, Iberville St., #332, Montreal, Qc, Canada, H2H 2S6, has published some really attractive zines, Protoculture Addicts 26 (Porco Rosso, Video Girl Ai, news on videos, manga, CDs) and #27 (new RoboTech novel from Ballantine, Tenchi Muyo), \$4.95 each, and MechaPress #11 (same old format, new format & title were protested) with Dougram mecha and continued Gundam 0082 OAV synopsis, miniatures and gaming news, \$5.95.

JAMM! #2, with articles on Saint Seiya, Maison Ikkoku the manga, Urotsuki Doji 2, fullsize zine, 52 pages, is now available for 150 Belgian francs (pay by international money order), from Emmanuel Van Melkebeke, Parkplein 5, B-9000, Gent, Belgium.

Anime UK Magazine #13 is now out, with a lovely bcover art from Dagger of Kamui, with lots of news and other neat stuff inside, 46 pages (some in color), \$5.75. If you didn't find it at Tower, try Nikaku Animart. Also contact Nikaku Animart for a copy of V.MAX #8, recently published by Newtype Press, with features on Gunsmith Cats and Porco Rosso, video, gaming and CD reviews, 38 pages, \$4.50. See page 2 for the address of Nikaku.

DAI-gest, the official newsletter of Denver Anime International continues to appear monthly, 34 pages of fan art, fan manga, news, and lots of anime synopses, only \$13 for 6 issues/months, payable to Roger Morse, to DAI-gest, PO Box 200992, Denver, CO 80220-0992.

If you like Japanese live action shows, check out the now-professionally published ORIENTAL CINEMA AND VIDEO. #2 for May, \$3.25, 36 pages,, with pix of Hong Kong movie babes, articles on space sheriffs, old Korean, Hong Kong and Japanese F&SF movies. Warning, the editor uses all the 4-letter words and doesn't think much of anime fans. If you're still interested, send stamped self-addressed envelope for info to the publisher, Draculina Publishing, PO Box 969, Centralia, IL 62801.

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